

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED CASES APPLICATION

~~This application claims the priorities of the commonly owned German patent application Serial No. 101 19 749.7 (filed April 23, 2001) and the commonly owned International patent application Serial No. PCT/DE02/01398 (filed April 15, 2002). The disclosures of the above-referenced priority applications, as well as those of all US and/or foreign patents and/or patent applications identified in the specification of the present application, are incorporated herein by reference.~~

This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE02/01398, filed April 15, 2002, and which claims priority of German Patent Application No. 101 19 749.7, filed April 23, 2001. The International Application was published in German on October 31, 2002 as WO 02/086343 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).